

Council Meeting of
October 26, 2010

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

Subject: City Manager – September/October Budget Revision

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve replacement funding of \$48,000 for Library Sunday Hours.

Funding

Funding is available in Police Department Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On October 12, 2010, the City Manager submitted his proposed revisions to the 2010-11 fiscal year operating budget to the City Council. One of the budget recommendations was a program modification of \$48,000 to delete 16 of the 32 Sunday library services during the school year which directly impacts the hours of service to our citizens. Your Honorable Body was reminded that back in June 2010 when the budget was adopted, staff listed as an “alternate” proposal the deletion of all of the Sunday library services. Upon further public comments and Council discussion, the City Manager was directed to restore the funding for the Library Sunday hours and return back to City Council with an alternate funding option, including the deletion of a vacant position equal in value.

Since approval of the budget modifications on October 12, the Police Department has received a Recovery Act Grant which allows the department to offset the funding of a Police Services Officer position for the remainder of this fiscal year (2010-11). The Recovery Act Grant is for combating criminal narcotics activity from the southern border of the U.S. Based on the availability of funds and the Police Department’s mission to preserve public safety and quality of life within the City of Torrance, the City Manager recommends a one-time temporary funding offset of the Library Sunday hours. By funding the Sunday Library Hours from the grant offset, Torrance youth will have a safe haven which provides the Police Department with a positive youth diversion activity center.

This temporary funding source will allow staff an opportunity to identify an on-going funding source to cover the Library Sunday hours. The City Manager will address the ongoing funding as part of the two year 2011-13 operating budget. If Your Honorable Body prefers an alternate funding source instead of the one-time grant offset, the City Manager recommends deletion of the part-time Reference Librarian vacant position (\$47,450). The

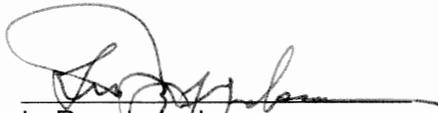
0.5 part-time Reference Position is responsible for staffing the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Reference Desk week nights and weekends. According to the City Librarian, the loss of this position will directly impact service at this Reference Desk as staff will not be available to answer patron questions and/or assist users with library resources. These effects will be felt by both "walk-in" patrons and by individuals that telephone the Library for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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CONCUR:


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